Sir. The cleaning work is being done by the employees of the CPWD.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Functions of FCI

1226. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has not taken action on many issues which are required by them to take under GSR 117-powers conferred by Sec. 44 of the Food Corporation Act, 1964 (37 of 1964) and Rules made thereunder like clearance, handling, storage transport and distribution of fertilisers;

(b) whether the Food Corporation of India Employees' Union has submitted a Memorandum to the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) These are only enabling provisions and action is taken if necessary. Food Corporation of India in the past had handled imported fertilisers at ports.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the interest of efficiency and economy of operations, the FCI is concentrating on its primary activities of procurement, storage and distribution of foodgrains.

Royalty for iron ore and manganese

1227. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rates of royalty being paid per tonne of iron ore and manganese; and

(b) how much royalty has been paid to each State for iron ore and manganese during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The rates of royalty per tonnes of iron ore and manganese ore are as given below:

1. *Iron ore* :

(i) Ore lumps :

(a) with 65 percent Fe or more	Rs. 4.00
(b) with 62 percent Fe or more but less than 65 percent Fe	Rs. 3.00
(c) with 60 percent Fe or more but less than 62 percent	Rs. 2.00
(d) with less than 60 percent Fe	Rs. 1.50

(ii) *Ore Fines* :

(A) Fines (including natural fines and fines produced incidental to mining and sizing of ore)	
(a) with 65 percent Fe or more	Rs. 2.50
(b) with 62 percent Fe or more but less than 65 percent Fe	Rs. 1.50
(c) with less than 62 percent Fe	Rs. 1.00
(B) Concentrates prepared by beneficiation and/or concentration of low grade ore, containing 40 percent Fe, or less than 40 percent Fe	Rs. 0.50

2. *Manganese ore* :

(a) Manganese dioxide (containing 78 percent or more of Mno 2 and 4 percent or below Fe)	Rs. 30.00
(b) 46 percent Mn and above	Rs. 12.00
(c) 35 percent Mn and above but below 46 percent Mn	Rs. 7.50
(d) Below 35 percent Mn but above 25 percent Mn.	Rs. 5.00
(e) 25 percent Mn or below.	Rs. 2.00

(b) Royalty on all minerals including iron ore and manganese ore is collected by respective State Governments and as